

Bill read third time.

By Senator Simpson:

Amend by striking out the word "six" in line 5, section 1, and insert "five" in lieu thereof.

Lost.

The bill then passed.

On motion of Senator Dickson, regular order of business was suspended to take up

Senate bill No. 143, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 66, chapter 122, of an act to provide for a more efficient system of public free schools, etc., passed at the regular session of the Twenty-third Legislature, approved May 20, 1893, and cancelling certain certificates,"

By the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Beall.	Harrison.
Colquitt.	Lawhon.
Dean.	Lewis.
Dibrell.	Rogers.
Dickson.	Sherrill.
Gage.	Steele.
Goss.	Whitaker.
Greer.	

Nays—6.

Agnew.	Smith.
McKinney.	Tips.
Simpson.	Woods.

Absent—excused.

Darwin.

Absent—not excused.

Atlee.	McComb.
Bailey.	Presler.
Boren.	Shelburne.
Bowser.	Stafford.

Pending action,

Senator Simpson entered a motion to reconsider the vote passing

Senate bill No. 184, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 1, chapter 106, acts of the Twenty-second Legislature, as approved 13th day of April, 1891, entitled 'An act to amend section 1 of chapter 79 of an act passed at the regular session of the Twenty-first Legislature, approved April 4, 1889, entitled an act to authorize counties to fund their indebtedness and to provide means to pay same.'"

The Chair announced the following free conference committee on the part of the Senate to consider the difference of the two houses on Senate bill 166: Senators Lawhon, Atlee, Dibrell, Gage and Goss.

On motion of Senator Rogers Senate bill No. 142 was made special order for Tuesday next after call.

Senator Rogers entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which

Senate bill No. 54, being "An act to amend articles 488 and 489 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and to add to said Code articles 489a, 489b, 489c, 489d, 489e, 489f, 489g, providing for the attachment of witnesses in criminal cases, and for the payment of the expenses of witnesses in felony cases," was lost.

Senator Whitaker moved to adjourn to 3 p. m. today.

Senator Dean moved to adjourn to 10 a. m. Monday.

Adjourned to 10 a. m. Monday by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Atlee.	Harrison.
Bailey.	Lawhon.
Beall.	Lewis.
Bowser.	McComb.
Dean.	Shelburne.
Dickson.	Sherrill.
Goss.	Simpson.
Greer.	Tips.

Nays—10.

Agnew.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Smith.
Dibrell.	Steele.
Gage.	Whitaker.
McKinney.	Woods.

Absent—excused.

Darwin.

Absent, not excused.

Boren.	Stafford.
Presler.	

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 18, 1895.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Agnew.	Harrison.
Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	McComb.
Beall.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Shelburne.
Darwin.	Sherrill.
Dean.	Simpson.
Dibrell.	Smith.
Dickson.	Steele.
Gage.	Tips.
Goss.	Whitaker.
Greer.	Woods.

Absent, not excused.

Lawhon.

Absent, not excused.

Boren.	Stafford.
McKinney.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

Pending reading of the Journal of Friday,

On motion of Senator Goss, the same was suspended.

On motion of Senator Woods, Senator McKinney was excused for today on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Dickson, Senator Boren was excused for today on account of important business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Rogers:
Petition of John J. Felps and free-holders of Cherokee county, praying that stock law to be so amended as to apply to cattle, mules and horses; and against any change in hog law.
Read and referred to Committee on Stock and Stockraising.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Gage:
A bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the deduction from the compensation of members of the Legislature in certain cases, and to prescribe a penalty for a violation of this act."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Presler:
A bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the rendition and assessment for taxes of the property of railroad companies situated in this State, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith, and to prescribe the duties of the railroad commission with reference thereto."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Gage:
Whereas, There is a large deficiency in the State treasury; and

Whereas, It is the duty of every patriotic citizen, and especially of every legislator, to stop the drain as far as possible, as evidenced by the action of the Senate in reducing the allowance of ice to be used in the Governor's office from 10 cents to 5 cents per day; and

Whereas, Many legislators are daily absenting themselves from the Senate and House on account of so called "important business," which said "important business" is wholly personal and private in its nature; and

Whereas, Many of said absentees, during the time of such absence, continue to regularly draw their per diem salary for services not rendered to the State; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, That it is the sense and judgment of said Senate and House that from and after this date no member of the Legislature should draw his per diem for any day he may be absent from the Senate or House, while the same is in session, unless such absence is caused by sickness of himself or some member of his family, or unless he is absent in the discharge of some public duty imposed upon him by law."

Senator Steele moved to refer the resolution to Committee on Rules.

By Senator Colquitt:
Amend the resolution by striking out the reference to the ice for the Governor's office.

Senator Simpson moved to table the resolution and pending amendment.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Bailey.	McComb.
Beall.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Dean.	Shelburne.
Dickson.	Simpson.
Goss.	Smith.
Greer.	Steele.
Lewis.	Woods.

Nays—9.

Agnew.	Harrison.
Atlee.	Sherrin.
Colquitt.	Tips.
Darwin.	Whitaker.
Gage.	

Absent, excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

Dibrell.	Stafford.
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By Senator Dean:
Whereas, The Hon. R. H. Burney, formerly a member of the Senate, is now in the city; therefore be it

Resolved, That he be and is hereby invited to a seat within the bar of the Senate.

Adopted.

IN SENATE.

House bill No. 51, "An act creating a lien in favor of farm laborers for wages, upon crops cultivated, worked, planted or gathered by them; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

House bill No. 271, "An act to provide for the levy and collection of an annual ad valorem State school tax of twenty cents on the one hundred dollars' valuation, for the maintenance of the public free schools."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

House bill No. 357, "An act declaring public roads and highways that have heretofore been laid out, established and used for the period of more than ten years in the county of Liberty, public roads."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

House bill No. 25, "An act to amend article 3201 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

House Joint Resolution No. 18 "To amend section 4 of article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Call concluded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 143, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 66, chapter 122, of an act to provide for a more efficient system of public free schools, etc., passed at the regular session of the Twenty-third

Legislature, approved May 20, 1893, and cancelling certain certificates."

Bill read second time, with adverse majority and favorable minority committee reports.

Senator Beall moved to substitute the minority for the majority report.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Agnew.	Gage.
Atlee.	Goss.
Beall.	Greer.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Sherrill.
Darwin.	Simpson.
Dean.	Smith.
Dickson.	Whitaker.

Nays—9.

Dibrell.	Shelburne.
Harrison.	Steele.
Lewis.	Tips.
McComb.	Woods.
Presler.	

Absent, excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

Bailey.	Stafford.
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The bill was then ordered engrossed by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Agnew.	Gage.
Atlee.	Goss.
Beall.	Greer.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Sherrill.
Darwin.	Simpson.
Dean.	Smith.
Dickson.	Whitaker.

Nays—9.

Dibrell.	Shelburne.
Harrison.	Steele.
Lewis.	Tips.
McComb.	Woods.
Presler.	

Absent, excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

Bailey.	Stafford.
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Senator Beall moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered engrossed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Agnew.	Gage.
Atlee.	Goss.
Beall.	Greer.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Sherrill.
Dean.	Smith.
Dickson.	Whitaker.

Nays—11.

Colquitt.	Shelburne.
Dibrell.	Simpson.
Harrison.	Steele.
Lewis.	Tips.
McComb.	Woods.
Presler.	

Absent—excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

Bailey.	Stafford.
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(Senator Agnew in the chair.)

On motion of Senator Gage, regular order of business was suspended to take up

Senate bill No. 168, being a bill to be entitled "An act to prohibit nepotism and to prescribe a penalty for a violation hereof."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Goss:

Amend by adding after the word "degree," in line 7, the following: "or any person with whom he played marbles when a boy."

By Senator Colquitt:

Amend the amendment by adding, "or to any but an actual settler north of the quarantine line."

Senator Goss accepted the amendment.

By Senator Atlee:

Substitute the amendment and the amendment thereto: Amend in line 4, after the word "position" and before the word "elect" insert the word "knowingly," and after the word "appoint" the following: "or directly or indirectly contribute to the election or appointment."

Senator Atlee withdrew his amendment.

Senator Goss then withdrew his amendment as amended.

By Senator Harrison:

Amend section 1, line 9, by striking out the words "three hundred" and inserting in lieu thereof "one hundred;" and in line 10 by striking out "one thousand" and inserting "five hundred."

Lost.

By Senator Simpson:

Amend by inserting before the word "shall," in line 7, the words "or any member of the same political party to which he may be allied."

Lost.

(Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.)

Senator Greer moved to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

Agnew.	Shelburne.
Atlee.	Sherrill.
Goss.	Simpson.
Greer.	Steele.
McComb.	Tips.
Rogers.	Woods.

Nays—13.

Beall.	Gage.
Bowser.	Harrison.
Colquitt.	Lewis.
Darwin.	Presler.
Dean.	Smith.
Dibrell.	Whitaker.
Dickson.	

Absent, excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

Bailey.	Stafford.
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By Senator McComb:

Amend by inserting in line 7, after the word "degree," the following: "or any person with whom he has been intimate or convivial."

Lost.

By Senator Dibrell:

Amend by striking out in line 7, of section 1, the word "third" and insert in lieu thereof the word "first."

Lost.

Senator Sherrill moved the previous question on the bill, which was duly seconded and prevailed.

The bill failed on engrossment by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

Beall.	Gage.
Bowser.	Harrison.
Colquitt.	Lewis.
Darwin.	Presler.
Dean.	Smith.
Dickson.	Whitaker.

Nays—14.

Agnew.	Rogers.
Atlee.	Shelburne.
Bailey.	Sherrill.
Dibrell.	Simpson.
Goss.	Steele.
Greer.	Tips.
McComb.	Woods.

Absent, excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

Stafford.

On motion of Senator Agnew, Senate adjourned to 3 p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Agnew.	Harrison.
Atlee.	Lewis.
Bailey.	McComb.
Beall.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Shelburne.
Darwin.	Sherrill.
Dean.	Simpson.
Dibrell.	Smith.
Dickson.	Steele.
Gage.	Tips.
Goss.	Whitaker.
Greer.	Woods.

Absent, excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

Stafford.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Substitute Senate bill No. 78, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the support of the State government for the years beginning March 1, 1895, and ending February 28, 1897, to cover deficiencies and for other purposes."

Action being on

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Senator Shelburne called up his motion to reconsider the vote by which the Chief Clerk's salary of Secretary of State's Department was reduced from \$1800 to \$1700, to-wit:

By Senator Goss:

Amend line 28, page 2, by striking out "\$1800," in both columns, and insert "\$1700."

Reconsidered.

The amendment (by Senator Goss) was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Agnew.	Harrison.
Darwin.	Presler.
Dibrell.	Smith.
Dickson.	Steele.
Gage.	Whitaker.
Goss.	

Yeas—10.

Atlee.	Greer.
Bailey.	Rogers.
Beall.	Shelburne.
Colquitt.	Simpson.
Dean.	Woods.

Absent, excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

Bowser.	Sherrill.
Lewis.	Stafford.
McComb.	Tips.

By Senator Simpson:

Amend by striking out lines 15, 16, 17 and 18, page 2, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "For building a Governor's Mansion and furnishing same, \$100,000."

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—7.

Beall.	Lewis.
Dibrell.	Shelburne.
Dickson.	Simpson.
Greer.	

Nays—18.

Agnew.	Harrison.
Atlee.	Presler.
Bailey.	Rogers.
Bowser.	Sherrill.
Colquitt.	Smith.
Darwin.	Steele.
Dean.	Tips.
Gage.	Whitaker.
Goss.	Woods.

Absent, excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

McComb.	Stafford.
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Senator Steele called up his motion to reconsider the vote by which the following amendment, by Senator Smith, was adopted on the 14th inst., to-wit:

By Senator Smith:

Amend line 29, page 2, by striking out all in said line, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Salary of one first as-

sistant clerk;" and strike out "\$2500" wherever it occurs and insert in lieu thereof "\$1250."

Refused to reconsider by the following vote:

Yeas—11.

Atlee.	Shelburne.
Bailey.	Simpson.
Beall.	Steele.
Colquitt.	Tips.
McComb.	Woods.
Rogers.	

Nays—13.

Agnew.	Harrison.
Darwin.	Lewis.
Dean.	Presler.
Dibrell.	Sherrill.
Dickson.	Smith.
Gage.	Whitaker.
Greer.	

Absent, excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

Bowser.	Stafford.
Goss.	

By Senator Lewis:

Strike out in line 6, page 3, "contingent expenses, \$100, \$100."

Adopted.

By Senator Tips:

Amend line 30, so as to read as follows: "Salaries of two assistant clerks, at \$900 per annum, \$1800, \$1800."

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Agnew.	Presler.
Bailey.	Rogers.
Beall.	Shelburne.
Colquitt.	Sherrill.
Dickson.	Simpson.
Goss.	Steele.
Greer.	Tips.
McComb.	Woods.

Nays—7.

Darwin.	Lewis.
Dean.	Smith.
Dibrell.	Whitaker.
Harrison.	

Absent, excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

Atlee.	Gage.
Bowser.	Stafford.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, March 18, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following resolution, to-wit:

House concurrent resolution No. 25:

Whereas, Lieutenant Robert J. Lambert, of Company B, Fourth Texas Infantry, Hood's Brigade, fell at Gaines Mill, Va., June 27, 1862, in Hood's mem-

orable charge against McClellan, and sacrificed his young and noble life upon the altar of his country; as a tribute to his gallant and chivalrous conduct on the field of battle; therefore be it

Resolved, That his friends be permitted to inter his remains in the State cemetery.

Also, that the House grants the request of the Senate for a conference committee on Senate bill No. 183, and Messrs. Owsley, Bramlette, Giddings, Drew and Brown have been appointed on part of the House.

Also, the House grants the request for conference committee on Senate bill No. 166, and Messrs. Jennings, Burmeister, Wurzbach, Seabury and McNeill have been appointed on the part of the House.

Respectfully,

CHESTER HAILE,
Chief Clerk.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

By Senator Smith:

Amend line 9, by striking out \$2000, where it occurs, and insert in lieu thereof \$1800.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Agnew.	McComb.
Colquitt.	Smith.
Darwin.	Steele.
Dibrell.	Tips.
Dickson.	Whitaker.
Harrison.	Woods.
Lewis.	

Nays—10.

Bailey.	Presler.
Beall.	Rogers.
Dean.	Shelburne.
Goss.	Sherrill.
Greer.	Simpson.

Absent—excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

Atlee.	Gage.
Bowser.	Stafford.

By Senator Whitaker:

Strike out on page 3, line 11, "\$1200," wherever it appears, and insert in lieu, "\$1000."

Lost.

By Senator Harrison:

Amend line 10, by striking out "\$1600," and inserting "\$1800" in lieu thereof.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—2.

Harrison.	Presler.
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Nays—22.

Agnew.	Lewis.
Bailey.	McComb.
Beall.	Rogers.
Bowser.	Shelburne.
Colquitt.	Sherrill.
Darwin.	Simpson.
Dean.	Smith.
Dibrell.	Steele.
Dickson.	Tips.
Goss.	Whitaker.
Greer.	Woods.

Absent, excused.

Boren. McKinney.
Lawhon.

Absent—not excused.

Atlee. Stafford.
Gage.

By Senator Lewis:

Amend line 13 by striking out "\$1400,"
where it occurs, and insert "\$1200."

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Agnew. Lewis.
Beall. McComb.
Bowser. Presler.
Colquitt. Sherrill.
Darwin. Smith.
Dibrell. Steele.
Dickson. Tips.
Goss. Whitaker.
Harrison. Woods.

Nays—6.

Bailey. Rogers.
Dean. Shelburne.
Greer. Simpson.

Absent, excused.

Boren. McKinney.
Lawhon.

Absent, not excused.

Atlee. Stafford.
Gage.

By Senator Dibrell:

Amend by striking out all in line 26,
on page 3.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Agnew. Lewis.
Beall. McComb.
Colquitt. Presler.
Darwin. Sherrill.
Dibrell. Smith.
Dickson. Steele.
Greer. Whitaker.
Harrison. Woods.

Nays—7.

Bailey. Shelburne.
Dean. Simpson.
Goss. Tips.
Rogers.

Absent, excused.

Boren. McKinney.
Lawhon.

Absent, not excused.

Atlee. Gage.
Bowser. Stafford.

(Senator Tips in the chair.)

By Senator Sherrill:

Amend page 4 by adding after line 25 at
close of sub-division Treasury Depart-
ment as follows: "To refund to persons
who have deposited in General Land Office
money to pay patent fees in cases where
patent cannot issue, to be paid by the
Treasurer on certificate of the Commis-
sioner of the General Land Office, show-
ing the amount of such deposit, to be ex-
pended within two years, \$5000."

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Agnew. McComb.
Darwin. Presler.
Dean. Shelburne.
Dibrell. Sherrill.
Goss. Simpson.
Greer. Tips.
Lewis.

Nays—11.

Bailey. Rogers.
Beall. Smith.
Bowser. Steele.
Colquitt. Whitaker.
Dickson. Woods.
Harrison.

Absent—excused.

Boren. McKinney.
Lawhon.

Absent—not excused.

Atlee. Stafford.
Gage.

By Senator Goss:

Amend by adding after the word "cor-
rected," in line 22 on page 4, the words
"or for other causes."

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Agnew. Greer.
Bailey. Lewis.
Darwin. Shelburne.
Dean. Sherrill.
Dibrell. Steele.
Dickson. Woods.
Goss.

Nays—14.

Beall. Rogers.
Bowser. Simpson.
Colquitt. Smith.
Harrison. Tips.
McComb. Whitaker.
Presler.

Absent, excused.

Boren. McKinney.
Lawhon.

Absent, not excused.

Atlee. Stafford.
Gage.

By Senator Whitaker:

Strike out on page 3, line 29, "\$900"
where it appears and insert in lieu "\$600."

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—9.

Agnew. Sherrill.
Darwin. Smith.
Harrison. Whitaker.
Lewis. Woods.
Rogers.

Nays—14.

Bailey. Goss.
Beall. Greer.
Bowser. McComb.
Colquitt. Presler.
Dean. Simpson.
Dibrell. Steele.
Dickson. Tips.

Absent—excused.

Boren. McKinney.
Lawhon.

Absent—not excused.

Atlee.	Shelburne.
Gage.	Stafford.

By Senator Lewis:

Strike out in lines 14 and 15 "\$2800" where it occurs and insert "\$2400."

By Senator Goss

Amend by striking out "\$1400" in line 15 and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1200," and by striking out "\$2800" in both columns in same line and insert "\$2400."

Adopted.

The amendment as substituted was then adopted.

By Senator Steele:

Strike out in line 29, page 3, "\$900" wherever it appears and insert "\$720."

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Agnew.	McComb.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Sherrill.
Darwin.	Smith.
Goss.	Steele.
Harrison.	Whitaker.
Lewis.	Woods.

Nays—9.

Bailey.	Greer.
Beall.	Presler.
Dean.	Simpson.
Dibrell.	Tips.
Dickson.	

Absent, excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

Atlee.	Shelburne.
Gage.	Stafford.

By Senator Lewis:

Strike out in line 16, page 3, "\$1400" wherever it occurs and insert "\$1200."

Adopted.

By Senator Darwin:

Strike out in lines 22 and 23, page 3, "\$600" wherever it appears and insert "\$480" in lieu thereof.

Lost.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

By Senator Lewis:

Strike out in line 29, page 4, "\$1800" where it occurs and insert "\$1600."

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Agnew.	Goss.
Beall.	Lewis.
Bowser.	Sherrill.
Colquitt.	Smith.
Darwin.	Steele.
Dibrell.	Whitaker.
Dickson.	Woods.

Nays—8.

Bailey.	McComb.
Dean.	Presler.
Greer.	Simpson.
Harrison.	Tips.
	Absent, excused.
Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent—not excused.

Atlee.	Shelburne.
Gage.	Stafford.
Rogers.	

By Senator Smith:

Amend line 32, page 4, by striking out "\$1500" and insert "\$1200," and by striking out "\$3000" in both columns and insert "\$2400."

By Senator Sherrill:

Substitute for the amendment: Amend page 4, line 32, by striking out "\$1500" and inserting in place thereof "\$1200," and by striking out "\$3000" in each column and insert "\$2500."

Lost.

The amendment (Smith's) was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Agnew.	Harrison.
Beall.	Lewis.
Bowser.	Sherrill.
Colquitt.	Smith.
Darwin.	Steele.
Dibrell.	Whitaker.
Dickson.	Woods.
Goss.	

Nays—8.

Bailey.	Presler.
Dean.	Shelburne.
Greer.	Simpson.
McComb.	Tips.

Absent, excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

Atlee.	Rogers.
Gage.	Stafford.

By Senator Dean:

Whereas, It is desirable to carry out the pledges made to the people; and

Whereas, The Senate has nobly complied with this pledge by reducing the salary of the pages and porters of the Senate fifty cents per day each; and

Whereas, The Senate is still desirous of carrying on the good work of retrenchment already begun; therefore be it

Resolved, That fifty cents per month be deducted from all items in the appropriation bill wherever the same occurs opposite or near the words porter, messenger or watchman.

The Chair stated that inasmuch as the Senate had decided to consider the appropriation bill by departments, that the resolution was out of order.

By Senator McComb:

Amend line 14, page 5, by striking out "nine" and inserting "ten," and line 15 by substituting "\$12,000" for "10,800" where it occurs.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—9.

Bailey.	Presler.
Dean.	Shelburne.
Dibrell.	Simpson.
Greer.	Tips.
McComb.	

Nays—14.

Agnew.	Harrison.
Beall.	Lewis.
Bowser.	Sherrill.
Colquitt.	Smith.
Darwin.	Steele.
Dickson.	Whitaker.
Goss.	Woods.

Absent, excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon,	

Absent, not excused.

Atlee.	Rogers.
Gage.	Stafford.

By Senator Lewis:
Strike out in line 30, page 4, "\$1400" where it occurs and insert "\$1200."

Adopted.

By Senator Darwin:
Strike out in line 3, page 5, "\$1500" in both columns and insert "\$1200."

Adopted.

By Senator Lewis:
Strike out in line 7, page 5, "\$1400" and insert "\$1200;" and in line 8 strike out "\$2800" where it occurs and insert "\$2400."

Adopted.

By Senator Beall:
Amend line 11, page 5, by striking out "\$1400" where it occurs and substitute "\$1200."

Adopted.

Pending action, the Chair had the following communication read:

Office of Comptroller,
Austin, Texas, March 18, 1895.

Hon. Walter Tips, Chairman Finance Committee, Senate Chamber, Austin:
My Dear Sir—Upon examination of the Senate printed appropriation bill I find that there are three clerks left off that I respectfully suggest an appropriation for, viz:

The appropriation should, in my judgment, read, salaries of ten first assistant clerks at \$1200, instead of nine at \$1200.

Salaries of four assistant clerks at \$900 should read five at \$900.

Salary of one general clerk at \$1200. By reference to last year's appropriation you will see that this appropriation read, "salary of one clerk who should perform such duties as required by the Comptroller." This is an important one. After making the changes I suggest, there is still a reduction in the appropriation from last two years of one corresponding clerk at \$1400, one clerk at \$900, one messenger at \$360, and a reduction of \$50 each on first assistant clerks.

I find that the present force in the department is necessary to conduct the business of the department; in fact, every subdivision of the office is now crowded with work, and many of the clerks are working at night.

Very truly yours,

R. W. FINLEY, Comptroller.

By Senator McComb:

Amend line 18, page 5, by substituting "five" for the word "four," and "\$4500" for "3600."

Adopted.

By Senator Lewis:

Strike out in line 12, page 5, "\$1400" and insert "\$1200," and strike out "\$2800" where it occurs, and insert "\$2400."

Adopted.

By Senator Harrison:

Amend page 5, lines 5 and 6, by striking out all in said lines from the word "one," and inserting "at \$1200 each," and placing \$2400 in each column.

Adopted.

By Senator Darwin:

Strike out in line 13, page 5, "\$1400" in columns 1 and 2, and insert therefor "\$1200."

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Agnew.	Harrison.
Beall.	Lewis.
Bowser.	Sherrill.
Colquitt.	Smith.
Darwin.	Steele.
Dibrell.	Whitaker.
Dickson.	Woods.
Goss.	

Nays—8.

Dean.	Rogers.
Greer.	Shelburne.
McComb.	Simpson.
Presler.	Tips.

Absent—excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

Atlee.	Gage.
Bailey.	Stafford.

(Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.)

By Senator McComb:

Amend by adding a line to read: "Salary of one general clerk at \$1200—\$1200."

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—10.

Bailey.	Presler.
Dean.	Shelburne.
Goss.	Simpson.
Greer.	Steele.
McComb.	Tips.

Nays—14.

Agnew.	Harrison.
Beall.	Lewis.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Sherrill.
Darwin.	Smith.
Dibrell.	Whitaker.
Dickson.	Woods.

Absent, excused.

Boren.	McKinney.
Lawhon.	

Absent, not excused.

Atlee.	Stafford.
Gage.	

By unanimous consent, the following petitions, resolutions and bill were sent up:

By Senator Dean:

Petitions of citizens and teachers of Uvalde county, praying for State warrants bearing interest to be issued to teachers for arrears due them, in the event cash cannot be had for this purpose.

Read and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Dean:

Petition from citizens of El Paso, praying for an occupation tax to be placed upon all persons selling clothing by samples.

Read and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Dickson:

Whereas, One of our most distinguished and honored citizens and patriotic gentlemen has been called from our midst in the death of the late Moses Austin Bryan; and

Whereas, In his death we recognize the fact that the State of Texas has sustained a loss of one whose true and honored name has been one of great pride and held in highest esteem by all citizens of Texas; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of Texas do hold in sacred memory his good name and patriotism, and do extend to his beloved children and relatives their heartfelt sympathies and condolence in this their hour of deepest sorrow and distress.

Unanimously adopted.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 18, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 143, being "An act to amend section 66, chapter 122, of an act to provide for a more efficient system of public free schools, etc., passed at the regular session of the Twenty-third Legislature, approved May 20, 1893, and canceling certain certificates,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BAILEY, Chairman.

By Senator Dibrell:

A bill to be entitled "An act to authorize and empower the commissioners court of Guadalupe county to purchase land sites and bore artesian wells in said county for the use and benefit of the public, and prescribe rules and regulations for the use and application of artesian water; to authorize and require said court to submit at a special election to the qualified resident property owners and tax payers of said county whether an additional annual ad valorem tax of five per centum shall be levied and collected for the purpose of purchasing land sites and boring artesian wells for the use of the public."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

On motion of Senator Colquitt, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. tomorrow.

FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March, 19, 1895.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Agnew,	Lewis.
Bailey.	McComb.
Beall.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Shelburne.
Darwin.	Sherrill.
Dean.	Simpson.
Dibrell.	Smith
Dickson.	Stafford.
Gage.	Steele
Goss.	Tips.
Greer.	Whitaker.
Harrison.	Woods.

Absent, excused.

Lawhon.

Absent, not excused.

Atlee,

McKinney.

Boren.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Sherrill, the same was suspended.

On motion of Senator Woods, Senator McKinney was excused for today on account of important business by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Agnew.	Lewis.
Bailey.	McComb.
Beall.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Shelburne.
Dean.	Sherrill.
Dibrell.	Simpson.
Dickson.	Smith.
Gage.	Stafford.
Goss.	Steele.
Greer.	Whitaker.
Harrison	Woods.

Nays—2.

Darwin.

Tips.

Absent, excused.

Lawhon.

Absent, not excused.

Atlee.

McKinney.

Boren.

On motion of Senator Steele, Senator Boren was excused for today on account of important business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Shelburne:

Protest of citizens of precinct No. 1 of Fort Bend county, against any of its territory being taken to create Autrey county.

Read and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

By Senator Bailey: